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OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF WASHBURN, ILLINOIS*
1914

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THE WASHBURN LEADER
WASHBURN, ILL.

PREFACE.

Good and accurate records should be the aim of the business man, and surely is, as evidenced by the army of bookkeepers, stenographers, etc., we find in the secular world.

There is need for this accuracy in the Church, for, to our inexpressible sorrow, we find that the poorest kind of bookkeeping is tolerated, and in some cases there are no books to keep.

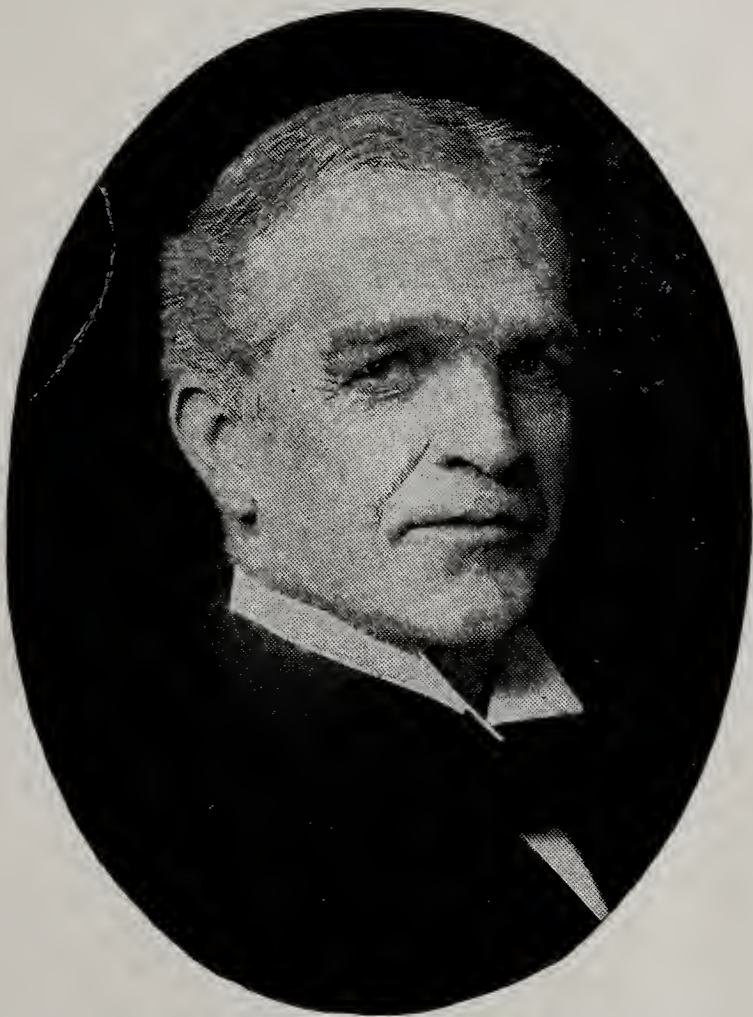
It is with a view to rousing sentiment along this line, that we present this little work of love.

It is to be feared that the meagerness of the information it contains will provoke criticism, but the almost entire absence of written records compels us to use the "personal memory" of those who associated with the preachers of long ago.

Therefore, if the details are not full enough to please everyone, let it be attributed to the failure of these persons to remember each thing that transpired—a humanly impossible task.

I am indebted to the courtesy of the Historical Committee, F. N. Ireland and others, for specific information contained herein.

Washburn, Ill., May 12, 1914.



THE REV. BISHOP W. F. McDOWELL, D.D., LL. D.



REV. R. B WILLIAMS, D. D.
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

HISTORY OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WASHBURN, ILLINOIS

THE earliest record extant is that of "Marshall Circuit," which embraced the territory in which Washburn is now situated.

The first notation we find, is that of the baptism of Lucinda, daughter of James and Mary Harris, residence Round Prairie, date 1843. The earliest marriage was that of George Willie and Catharine Justis in 1859. In the list of membership we find "James Harris taken in on probation, Aug. 6th, 1837."

The Society was divided into "Classes" in those days, meeting at different places throughout the charge.

The Class Leaders were Robert and James D. Barnes, grandfather and father, respectively, of J. E. Barnes of this village; Timothy Owen, Hartley Malone and James Hall.

Glancing over the membership list, we find the familiar family names of Iliff, Boys, Hoover, Barnes, Hollenbach, Shugart, Perry and Combes.

From 1843 to 1856 there is no definite record, except as we get it from the Baptismal and Marriage Registers. The old "circuit riders" are in evidence visiting from point to point, leaving their signatures upon the various registers.

Definite records begin in 1856, so we leave the realm of uncertainty and are ready for REAL history.

Washburn was laid out by Hiram Echols and was mostly situated in Marshall county, comprising what is now north of the Woodford county line of the present Village of Washburn. The lots were 50 by 150 feet and were sold at auction at prices ranging from three to fifteen dollars each. The original name was Uniontown; later it was changed to Mantua, then to Washburn.

The first postmaster was William Maxwell, the first store was kept by Americus Pogue, the first residence was built by Dr. Thomas.

The village numbered but twelve homes in 1856. These were:

1. The Eckels house, now the Vaughn place.
2. The schoolhouse, now the Greber place.
3. A house southwest of the school lot occupied as a grocery store and kept by Tilton Howard.
4. A small building on the opposite corner, used as a general store by Cushing and Jenkins.
5. The Dr. Thomas residence, known now as the Schroeder home.
6. D. P. Smith's place, now the home of Mrs. August Iunker.
7. A log cabin occupied by Burgess Smith, situated where the Immel house now stands.
8. A shop used by George Bigsby, now known as the Iunker blacksmithy.

9. The Baptist Church, erected in 1853, now the German Lutheran.
10. The house of James Toy, on the present site of the Rankin home.
11. Elder Merritt's home, where Newton Lewis now lives.
12. The Toy wagon shop on the lot south of the Rankin home. This building was moved and converted into a house, now stands across the street west of the Iunker blacksmith shop. It was in this shop that the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Society of Washburn took place.

Outside of the village proper were several farms. The home of Tilton Howard on the lot where the Gilbert Combes residence stands. The Alex. Carrithers place, now known as the Thomas farm. The Stephen Howard farm, now the William Schafer place. The Robert Sweet farm south of the Baptist Church, where Mrs. Mary Shugart lives. Phillip Jenkins lived where Mrs. Ruth Watt resides. Lansing Howard lived where John Ehringer resides. The Baird Sweet farm was on what is now called the Peachy place, later purchased by Jacob Hatton. The Solon Sweet farm was situated where Samuel Robinson now lives. All this part of the country was called "Stringtown."

It was in this community of small proportions and scattered locations that Methodism pitched its "Tent."

What the years have wrought! The new Village of Washburn was laid out in 1870, adjoining the old town when the railroad became a certainty.

Its growth during the passing years has been most gratifying. The church and the school have been factors of no little power in the making of the village, and we accord them the place of honor as we survey our beautiful, happy, prosperous homes. Volumes might be filled with an account of the personal sacrifice made by the fathers and mothers of the past years in order that we, the present generation might enjoy the fruit of their toil and labor. May we cherish our inheritance.

The organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church took place in the "Toy Wagon Shop" early in the year 1856. A little group of men and women knelt in that humble place and banded themselves into a "Class," which with its "Leader" now became a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the World.



THE "TOY WAGON SHOP"

The members of this first "Class" consisted of James Toy and wife, Leander Jones and wife, Garrison DeBolt and wife, and others of whom we have no knowledge. These noble few have passed to their reward, with the exception of Mrs. Toy and Mrs. Jones, who still wait the summons to join the "innumerable caravan."

A Rev. Morse of the Metamora circuit was asked by this "Class" to preach to them. He did so, and continued to come to them, preaching in the evenings during the winter, and in the afternoons during the summer. He was followed by a regular appointee of the Bishop—a preacher of "Marshall Circuit" who had orders to "include Washburn" in his list of appointments. This was in the fall of 1856 and is the first of a continuous record of ministers at this point.

1856-7.

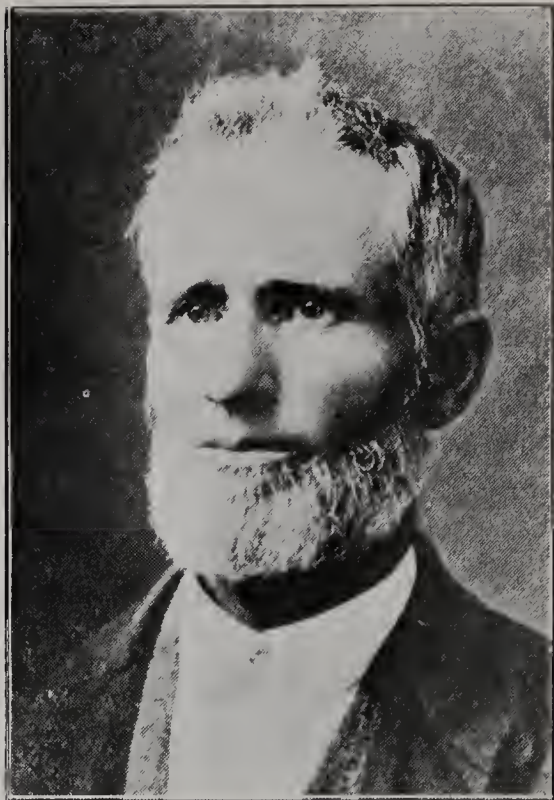
John Grundy was sent to the circuit; John Luccock was Presiding Elder. The charge was in Washington district and the year inaugurated the first session of the Central Illinois conference, Bishop Janes presiding.

1857-9.

Bishop Scott appointed A. C. Price, under the direction of Frank Smith, Presiding Elder. He was returned for another year.

1859-60.

We find two preachers on the circuit: W. A. Prepon and H. M. Connell. More preaching places are added and the record is filled with names of persons living in widely scattered communities. For a few years we find the following locations named:



FRANK SMITH, P. E.
1858-9

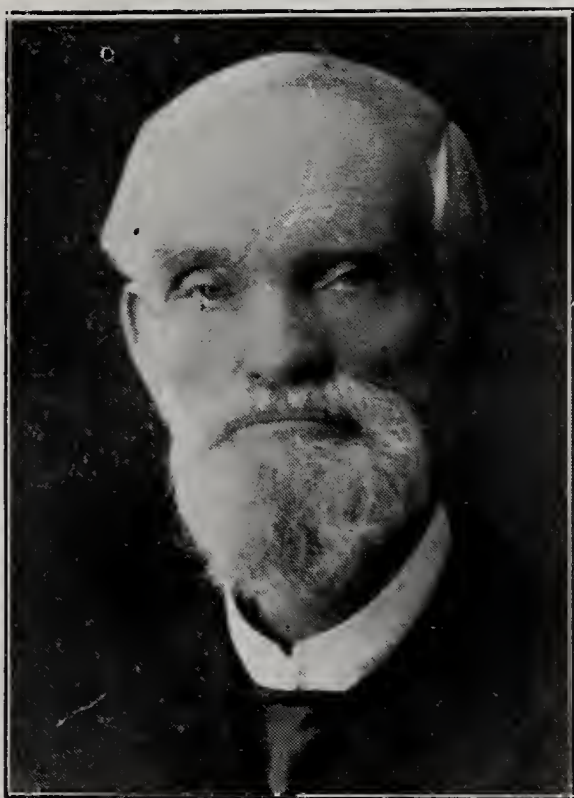
Places of meeting, Phelps schoolhouse, Marshall Chapel; Harris schoolhouse, Phelps Chapel; Belle Plain schoolhouse. The homes of the members are thus designated: Round Prairie, on Crow Creek; Minonk, Hopewell township; Pattonsburg, Crow Creek bottom; Shaws Point, on prairie near Wenona; East Lacon, Ox Bow Prairie; Half Moon Prairie, Cherry Grove.

1860-1.

B. P. Wheat, preacher; F. J. Flowers, Presiding Elder. We learn nothing of this brother except that he is an "old time" preacher of righteousness. The circuit is now in the La Salle district.

1861-2.

W. J. Stubbles, preacher in charge; Henderson Ritchie, Presiding Elder. Brother Stubbles' name appears in the record frequently as administering baptism to forty persons through the years of 1862-3, though he stayed but one year. This is explained by the fact that there were few ordained men, and in all probability he was the senior preacher. Quite



HENDERSON RITCHIE, P. E.
1861-5

a few members were added to the Society in this pastorate. Up to this time there was no church building proper. The little "Class" met where it was most convenient. Sometimes in "The wagon shop," sometimes in the Baptist Church.

They used the old schoolhouse, now known as the "Greber" home, and situated southwest of the Reform Church.

When this was moved off the school lot to make room for the new building, they met in private homes, then when the "New Schoolhouse" was completed they worshipped there till they were installed

in a church of their own. This second schoolhouse is now known as the "Stevens" place, and is situated near the primary school.



THE FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE—1856

Here we digress to show the development of our educational institution. We are proud of our present building, and rightly, too, when we consider the beginning of things. A steady growth in educational facilities is to be seen. A more thoroughly equipped, up-to-date school is to be found in few villages the size of Washburn.



THE SECOND SCHOOL HOUSE



THE PRESENT SCHOOL HOUSE - 1876

1862-4.

G. M. Irwin, preacher in charge. He stayed two years. During the year of 1863 "New Chapel" was erected, the first church building of the Methodist Episcopal Society in the Village of Washburn. A Brother Holoway, a local preacher, was living here at that time, and it was owing to his efforts that this work was consummated. He worked on the building with his own hands, and assisted to furnish its



FIRST M. E. CHURCH—1863

equipment. He and his wife seem to have been saintly people, ever active in the service of their Master.

Nothing showy or elegant was seen there—just a plain room 30 by 48 feet, simply furnished. The picture above shows it shorn of its steeple, which was the pride of its builders. It cost \$2,000.00, and occupies its original site, corner of Main and Woodford streets, being occupied and used as a primary school.

1864-5.

J. W. Haney, senior preacher.

1865-7.

Joseph Hart, pastor; S. C. G. Worthington, Pre-Eiding elder. The “circuit” is now in Wenona district.

Brother Hart stayed two full years and did a mighty work. The greatest revival this village has ever seen, was held under his direction. Numbers were converted and the results of his work have come down to us.

The personal testimony of those who knew him, places him in the front rank of evangelistic preachers.



JOSEPH HART
1865-7

1867-8.

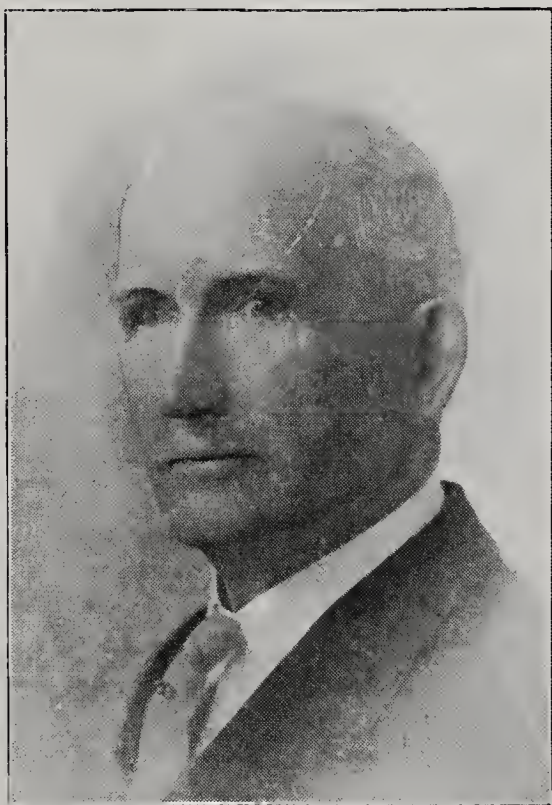
A. K. Tullis comes on the circuit.

1868-9.

For the first time we read, "Washburn, Thomas Cotton, pastor." This arrangement continued for one year only.

1869-70.

The next record that meets our eye is, "Lacon and Washburn," A. K. Tullis and M. C. Eignus,



A. K. TULLIS
1869-70

preachers; F. M. Chaffee, Presiding Elder.

1870-3.

G. P. Snedaker and one "supply." M. H. Shepherd.

Washburn was at this time an out appointment connected with the Belle Plain and Phelps Chapel

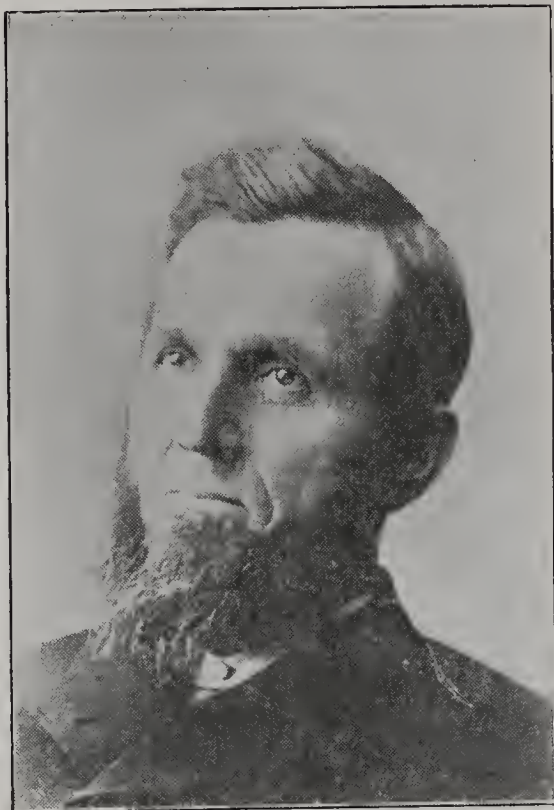
charges. The parsonage was at old Phelps chapel. Evidences of a good work are on record in additions to the church and improvements to the extent of a thousand dollars.

1873-4.

W. A. Cumming was appointed, Richard Haney, Presiding Elder. Building operations continue. There are four churches on the charge, with one hundred and fifty members.

1874-5.

E. B. England, pastor. Under this administration some revival effort is noted. The salary is



G. B. SNEDAKER
1870-3

“Washburn charge.”
The probationers’ record tells the story of good pastoral work done and special meetings held.

1877-8.

Benjamin Applebee, pastor.

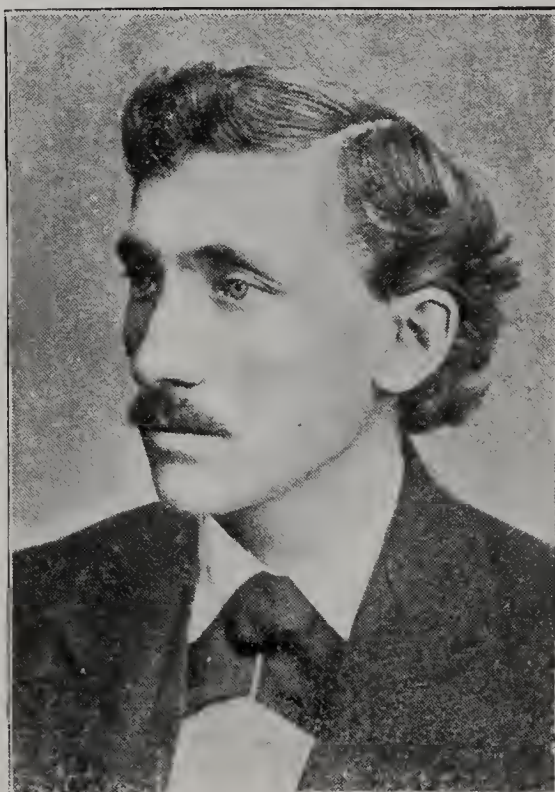
A very successful year is reported.

January 14, 1878.
the “Red Ribbon

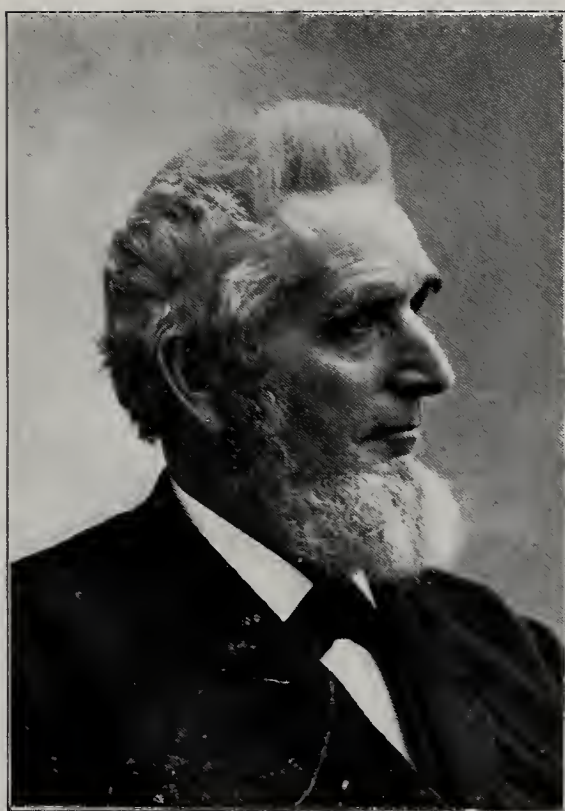
recorded as \$900.00, and \$916.00 for the circuit. The “Chapel” is “painted and papered on the inside, and painted on the outside.”

1875-7.

V. B. Denning, pastor. Washburn and Lowpoint are put together and form what is called



E. B. ENGLAND
1874-5



RICHARD HANEY, P. E.
1873-7

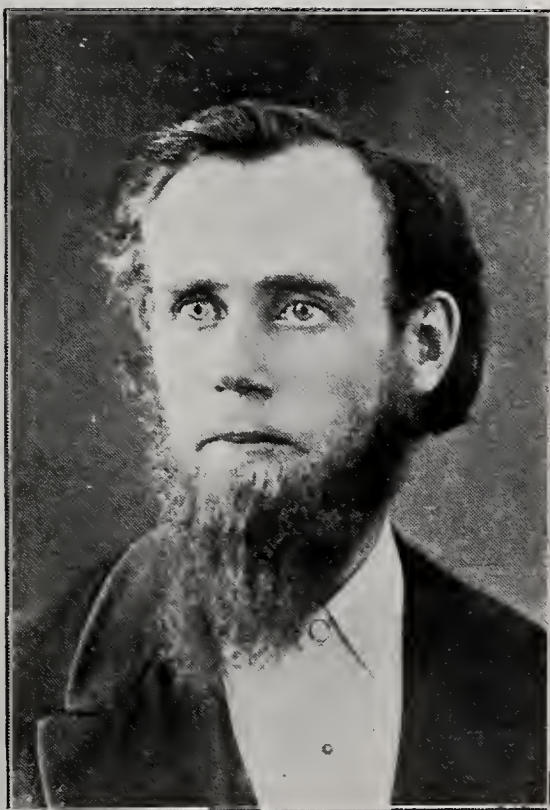
Temperance Reform Movement" was inaugurated. The Rev S. Brink and other speakers held a meeting in the public hall and succeeded in obtaining signatures to one thousand pledges. Excitement ran high and "no license" gained the day.

1878-9.

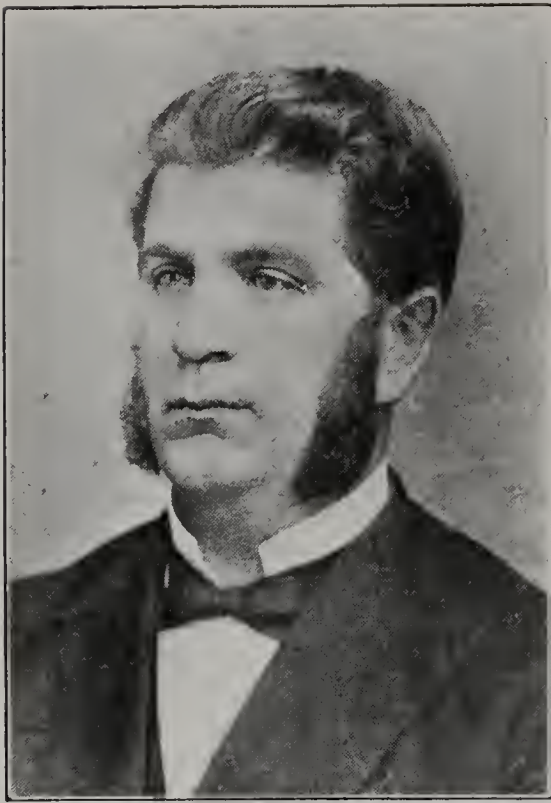
J. Borland, pastor. Nothing much can be obtained of this administration, as the records are missing.

1879-81.

G. W. Burns, appointed; J. D. Smith, Presiding Elder. The year before this, was a poor one financially, the salary being but \$421.00, but this year it comes up to \$850.00 including house rent.



V. B. DENNING
1875-7



J. D. SMITH, P. E.
1877-8

1881-4.

J. G. Blair was appointed, R. D. Russell, Presiding Elder. Washburn seems to have had a stirring up, for many conversions are noted.

The charge is now in Streator district.

1884-5.

J. F. James, pastor. No notation of

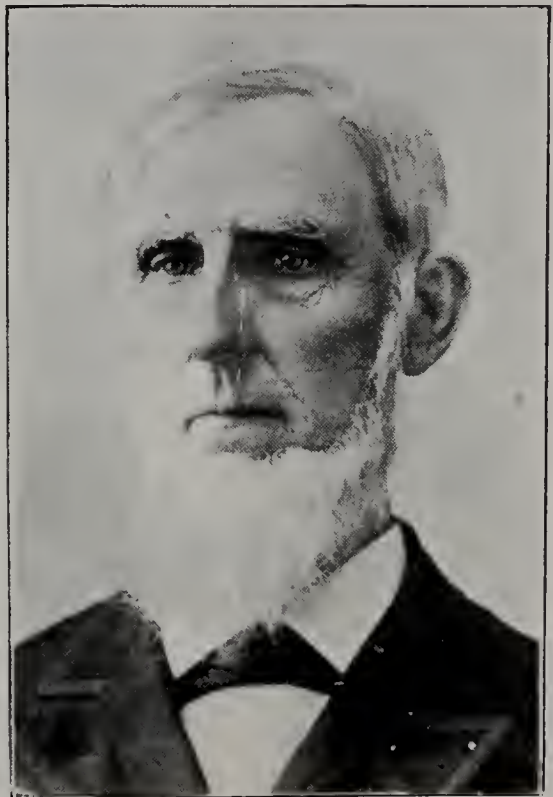
any special work. Membership 81, salary \$584.00.

1885-6.

Our record says, "Washburn to be supplied," but we are told that no preacher came to the village that year.

1886-90.

O. T. Dwinnell, pastor; B. W. Baker, Presiding Elder. These are years of hard work. Organization is the order of the

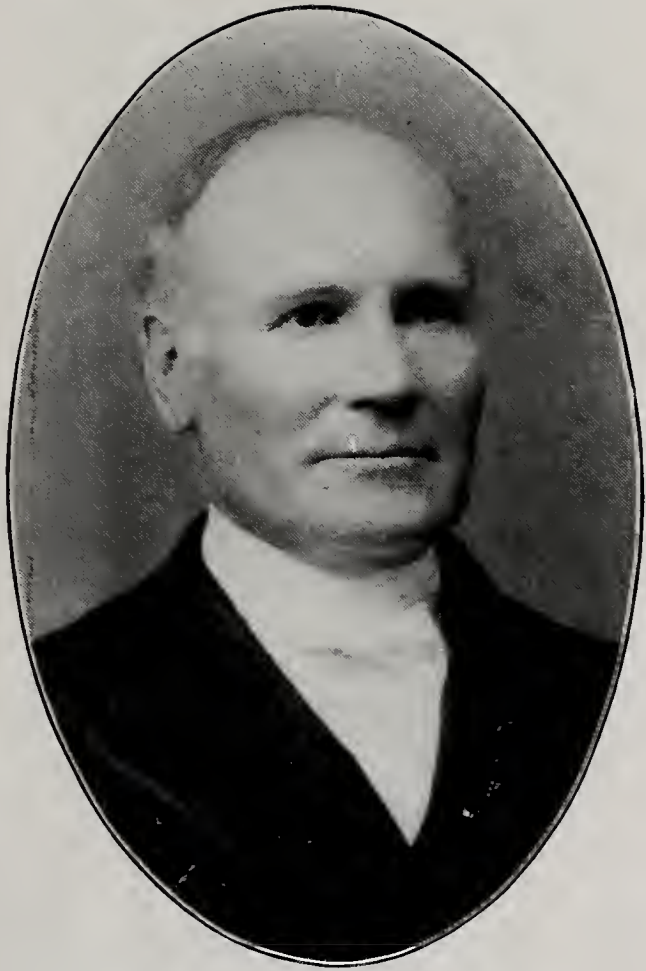


B. APPLEBEE
1877-8

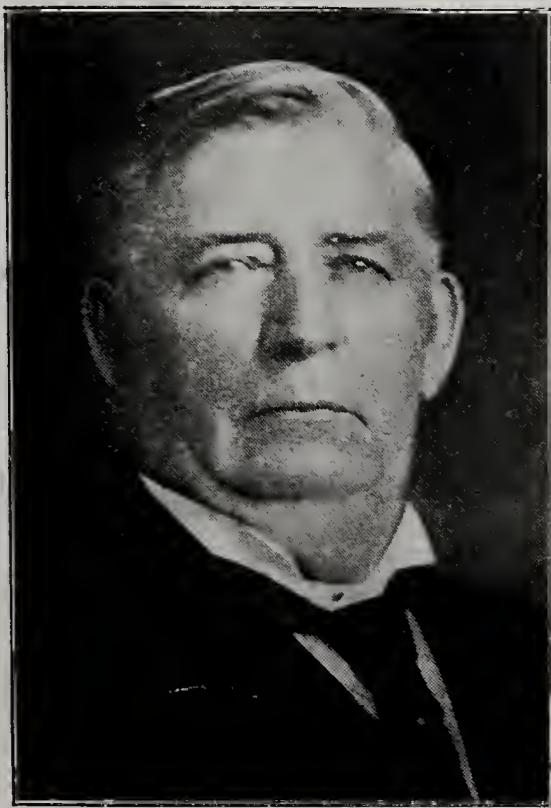
day. Thirty adult baptisms attest the pastoral work done.

1889-90.

J. H. Ryan, pastor; Thomas Doney, Presiding Elder. This was a year of discussion as to the building of a new church. The preceding year many new families had moved into the village and the accessions were large. Then when



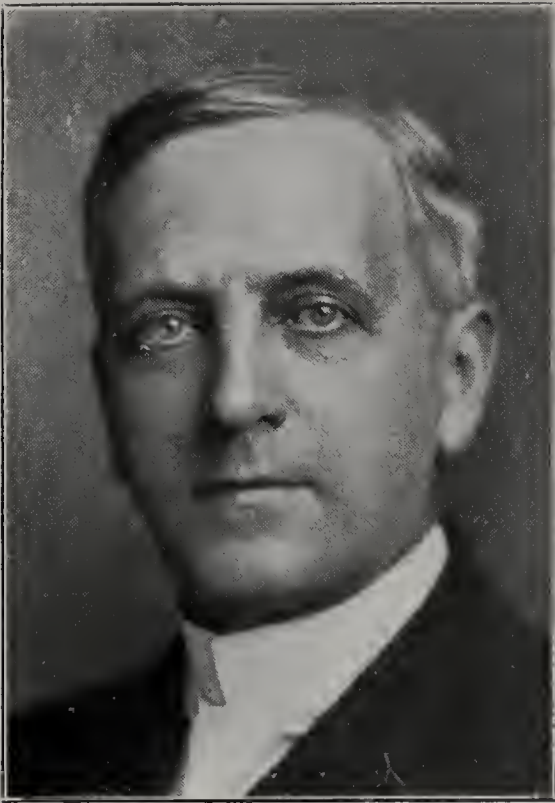
J. G. BLAIR
1881-4



J. F. JAMES
1884-5

Brother Ryan came, the question was thoroughly discussed. The first meeting of the board of trustees did not accomplish much, but finally it was decided to sell the church building to the school board. On July 14, 1890, it was sold for \$500.00.

On the 21st of July operations were



O. T. DWINELL
1886-9

McCulloch, J. E. Barnes and Charles Boys. It was a frame building and cost about \$500.00.

1890-4.

J. E. Connor, pastor; J. W. Haney, Presiding Elder. He found the new church in the course of construction and during the fall and winter months preached in the Evangelical Church, the present home of F. A. Combes. The building was completed

started on the new building, the lot being given by Jacob Hollenbach. This new building was situated on the site of the present church. Charles Boys had large credit for the new enterprise. The building committee consisted of Lewis Younger, Robert



J. H. RYAN, D. D.
1889-90

some time in December, and on the 28th of that month it was dedicated by the Rev. T. W. McVety, D. D., assisted by two former pastors, the Rev. O. T. Dwinnell, D. D., and the Rev. J. H. Ryan D. D. Brother Conners' fourth year was filled out by Brother N. W. Atkins. Many accessions.



SECOND CHURCH (M. E.) 1890

1894-6.

F. M. Boner, pastor. "Circuit" moved into Normal district. During this administration, the first par-



J. W. HANEY, P. E.
1892-8

ding Elder.

Membership is increasing, but the salary has decreased to \$700.00. A good spiritual harvest is reaped during these years. The church seems spiritually alive.

1899-03

G. L. Taylor comes on the charge. These are great "benevolence" years. The missionary collections run up into the hundreds. Salary is raised and a prosperous condition is seen. Accessions this year.

sonage was built at a cost of \$1,200. The present building is the old one improved by porch and additional rooms.

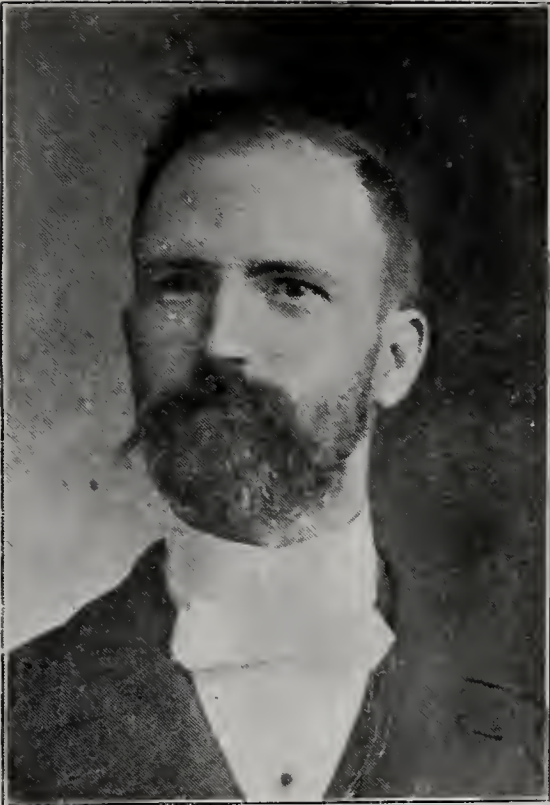
A splendid work was done this year in material and spiritual matters.

1896-9.

D. F. Wilson, pastor; R. Wiley, Presi-



J. E. CONNOR
1860-4



N. W. ATKINS
1894

1903-8.

G. M. Boswell, pastor; Richard Crewes, D. D., District Superintendent. There were years of hard work. On December 13, 1905, the church took fire and burned to the ground. Hardly had the flames died away when a meeting was

held by the Trustees and steps were taken to build another church.

A building committee was elected, consisting of the following persons: J. E. Barnes, F. A. Ehringer, J. G. McWhinney, John Goodell, J. T. Powell.

Plans for a new building were soon under way, and with F. A. Ehringer as superintendent of



F. M. BONER
1894-6

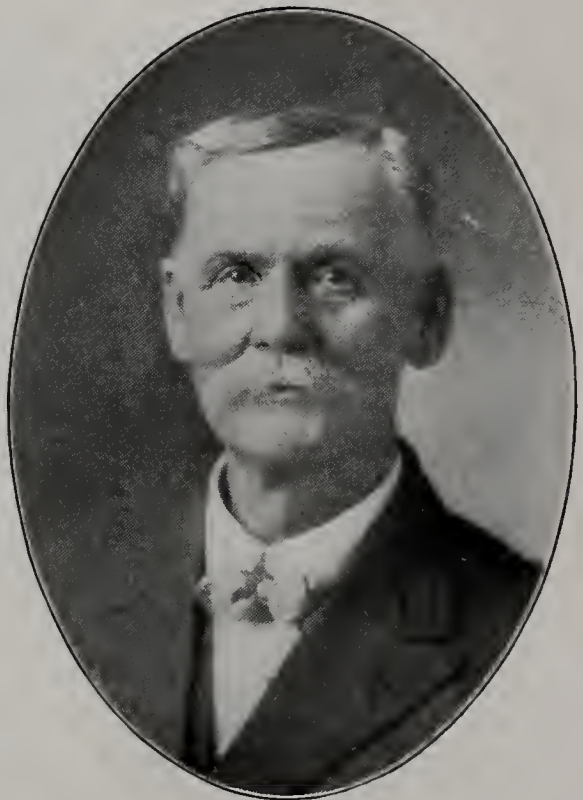
construction, on December 9, 1906, the third and present building was dedicated by the Rev. Thomas



D. E. WILSON
1896-9

Iliff, and three days of festivities ensued. The cost of the building was \$9,135.00. The congregation worshipped in the village hall till the basement was finished and held meetings there till the structure was erected. Preacher and people deserve large credit for the heroic effort of these years, rearing out of the ashes, the beautiful edifice they now occupy.

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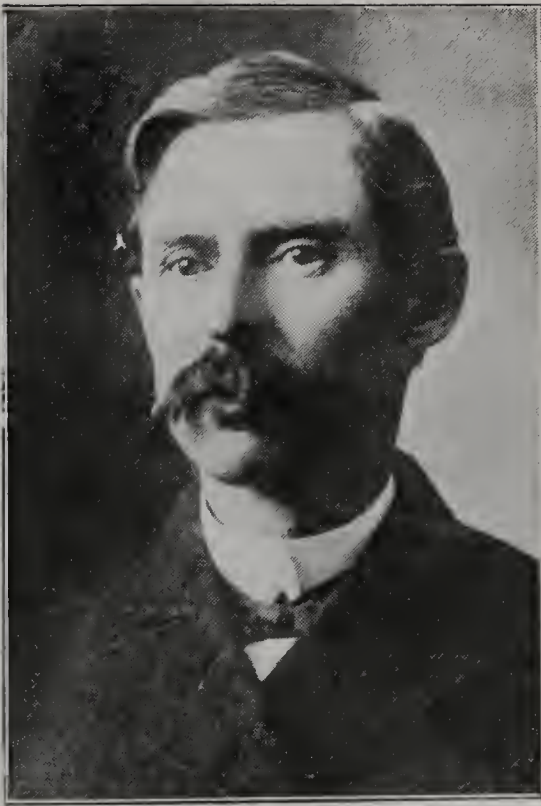
G. L. TAYLOR
1899-03



THE SECOND CHURCH IN FLAMES



DECEMBER 13, 1905



G. M. BOSWELL
1903-8

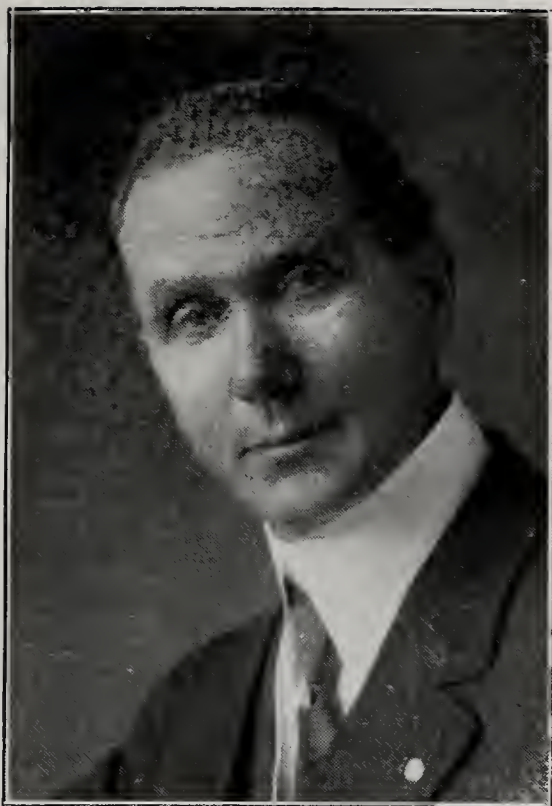
1908-12.

J. L. Miller, pastor; R. B. Williams, D. D., Superintendent, Pontiac District. Again we have material improvement a prominent feature. During this administration the Belle Plain church and parsonage are sold, and the pro-

ceeds immediately invested in an addition to the parsonage at Washburn. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference held at Washburn, August 12, 1911, three trustees of the Belle Plain Methodist Episcopal



THIRD AND PRESENT CHURCH—1906



J. L. MILLER
1908-12

Church, Bros. Thos. Kerrick, John W. Combes, Jacob Hollenbeck, were elected and authorized to sell the property. This was done at a net price of \$874.76. This sum was expended on Washburn church and parsonage in much needed improvements. Of

this old and historic church at Pattonsburg, nothing remains save the bell, which now hangs in the steeple of the Washburn church. A fine pipe organ was purchased and installed at a cost of



BONER-MILLER PARSONAGE
1894-1911

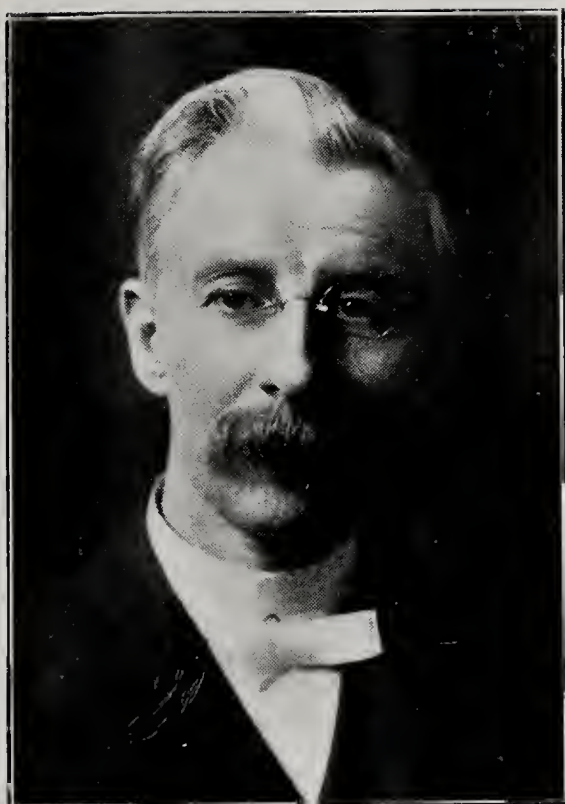


RICHARD CREWES
1904-10

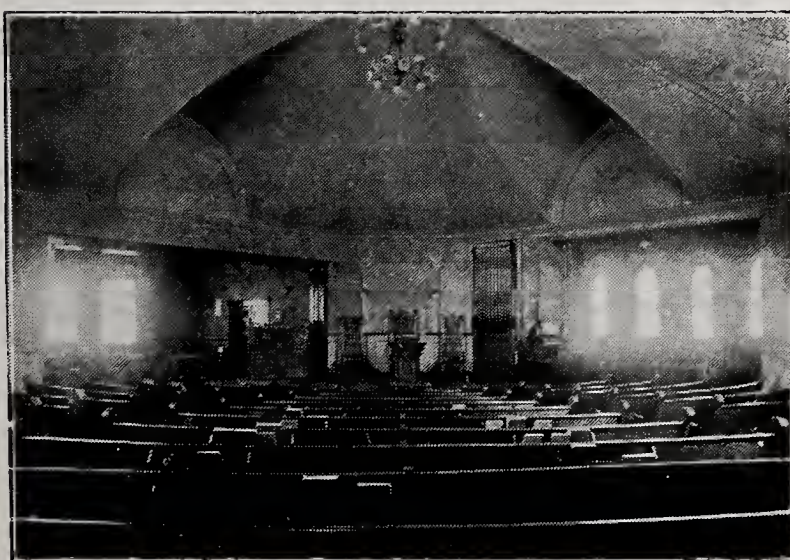
makes a grand total of \$15,500 in church and parsonage valuation.

\$650.00. Some accessions to the church.

The monetary value of the property at Washburn is now: Church, \$10,500, Parsonage, \$3,500, a total for the village of \$14,000. Then the church building at Lowpoint is valued at \$1,500. This



ARTHUR J. JOLLY, Ph D.
1912-



INTERIOR OF PRESENT CHURCH

WASHBURN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

There may have been a meeting for the children of the earliest members of our church, but we have no record of such before the year 1863.

It is probable that with the building of their church, our people would inaugurate a Sunday School. So we find that Brother S. S. Holoway was the first superintendent and organizer.

If, as some think, the Sunday School was organized before the "Chapel" was built, then the place where they met would be the second schoolhouse, the "Stevens" place.

As far as possible, we append the names of the superintendents, giving the dates when authentic.

Without date:	1863.....S. S. Holoway
Fred Giddings	1865.....Joseph Hart
S. W. McCulloch	1875.....David Powell
C. B. Johnston	1878.....Charles Boys
A. L. Ingle	1879.....S. W. McCulloch
E. P. Fishburn	1903-7.....Arthur Gill
W. D. Evans	1907-9.....Roy Gill
J. H. Schultz	1909-10....F. A. Combes
George Wineteer	1910-13....J. W. Combes
N. J. Pritchard	1913.....John E. Moschel

The present membership numbers one hundred and ninety, including Cradle Roll and Home Department.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

John E. Moschel.....	Superintendent
J. W. Combes.....	Assistant Superintendent
Marguerite Kerrick.....	Secretary
George Moschel.....	Sec. S. S. Board
Maimee Sangbush.....	Treasurer
Leon Beecher.....	Librarian
Ina Spangler.....	Chorister
Allie Combes.....	Organist
Iva Wendland.....	Teacher
Nellie Furrow.....	Teacher
Hazel Furrow.....	Teacher
Clara McWhinney.....	Teacher
Lenna Gill.....	Teacher
George Moschel.....	Teacher
Thomas Kerrick.....	Teacher
Mrs. C. E. Spangler.....	Teacher
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Mrs. George Crawford.....	Teacher
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Mrs. A. Sangbush.....	Teacher

OUR EPWORTH LEAGUE

The young people of the church had been organized for some years as the "Methodist Alliance," but in 1889, in accordance with the order of the church, renamed themselves the "Epworth League." The charter reads, "Washburn Chapter of E. L., No. 1046, dated April 8, 1895.

The names in that first chapter were Laura McCulloch, Lizzie Groves, Minnie Boys, Ida Boys, Lottie Stephens and J. G. McWhinney. They were not all here today, two having passed to the great Epworth League above.

The presidents since organization follow in their order:

Lottie Stephens.....	1895-1899
Laura McCulloch.....	1899-1900
Clara McWhinney.....	1900-1902
Josephine Fraser.....	1902-1906
Laura McCulloch.....	1906-1907
Lena Gill.....	1907-1909
C. E. Spangler.....	1909-1910
George Moschel.....	1910-1911
Grace Ehringer.....	1911-1912
F. A. Combes.....	1912

The membership has changed from year to year. In 1893 the first record we have, they are credited with 30 members. The largest roll was in 1908, with a membership of 75.

In benevolent work the League has always been efficient. In 1902 they joined with the other Leagues in the work of supporting Missionary Truitt, and in 1907 pledged a definite sum each year to build Rangoon church. When our church burned, they offered and paid a subscription of \$300.00, and when the pipe organ was put in, gave \$100.00, nearly a sixth of its cost. All of our benevolences have been supported, and the Baby Fold at Normal and the Deaconess Hospital at Peoria have found in Washburn League one of its warmest friends.



THE EPWORTH LEAGUE CABINET 1914.

Epworth League Cabinet, 1914.

President.....	F. A. Combes
First Vice-Pres. Lenna Gill	Secretary....Iva Wendland
2nd ViceMaimee Sangbush	Treas....Clara McWhinney
3rd Vice Marguerite Kerrick	Junior Supt. Ina Spangler
4th Vice.....C. B. Quiram	Organist.....Allie Combes

OUR JUNIORS.

The Junior League was organized in 1907 with 30 members. The names of the superintendents follow in their order:

Mrs. Wilson.....	1897
Mrs. A. Stevenson.....	1900
Miss Lorine Stephenson.....	1903
Miss Mamie Sangbush.....	1906
Miss Grace Ehringer.....	1912
Miss Ina Spangler.....	1914

A reorganization took place in 1913 and they are now working under charter as "Jolly" Chapter No. 5762.

When the new church was erected they gave \$125.00 toward it. They have been forward in every good work of the church, at one time educating a colored girl in one of our Freedman's Aid schools.

But a very few of the original membership remain with us.

The present cabinet is composed of the following persons:

Superintendent.....	Ina Spangler
President.....	Marguerite Kerrick
Second Vice-President.....	Frank Ramsey
Third Vice-President.....	Florence Ford
Fourth Vice-President.....	Allington J. Jolly
Secretary.....	Arthur B. Jolly
Treasurer.....	Lloyd Beecher

OUR LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The origin of this society seems to be shrouded in mystery. Nothing whatever is known concerning it, as no written records were kept, but it is reasonable to suppose that as soon as the church was organized some form of a woman's society was started. The following ladies have served as president:

Mrs. C. B. Johnston.....	1890-1895
Mrs. Adam Haig.....	1895-1905
Mrs. F. A. Ehringer.....	1905-1908
Mrs. George Garrison.....	1908-1910
Mrs. Gilbert Combes.....	1910-1912
Mrs. F. A. Ehringer.....	1912

Since 1900 it has contributed about \$1,500 for church and parsonage improvements. Of this sum, \$616.00 was paid for the erection of the present church.



OFFICERS LADIES AID 1914

President.....	Mrs. F. A. Ehringer
Secretary.....	Mrs. Wm. Johnston
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Clara Ramsey

OUR W. F. M. S.

We note that in 1875 this society is credited with \$43, showing an organization, but it lasted only a short time, as the next year it drops to \$2.

The society was organized by Mrs. O. T. Dwinnell April 28, 1890, with 21 members, as follows:

Mrs. J. R. Tweddale	Mrs. J. E. Barnes
Mrs. B. Butler	Mrs. J. E. Connor
Mrs. Clara Beckwith	Lenna Gill
Mrs. C. B. Johnston	Ida C. Boys
Mrs. A. Sangbush	Lottie Stephens
Mrs. De Moss	Alice Blackmon
Mrs. J. Hollenbach	Laura McCulloch
Mrs. Wm. Sharp	Lizzie Grove
Mrs. R. McCulloch	Emma Butler
Mrs. Charles Boys	Emma Houck
Mrs. A. Combes	

The presidents follow in their order:

Mrs. C. B. Johnston.....	1890-1895
Mrs. A. Sangbush.....	1895-1898
Mrs. J. E. Barnes.....	1898-1899
Mrs. G. L. Taylor.....	1899-1900
Mrs. J. Powell.....	1900-1901
Mrs. George Moschel.....	1901-1902
Mrs. A. Sangbush.....	1902-1905
Mrs. G. M. Boswell.....	1905-1908
Laura McCulloch.....	1908-1909
Mrs. A. Sangbush.....	1909-1910
Mrs. Adam Haig.....	1910-1913
Lenna Gill.....	1913

The contributions of the W. F. M. S. during these years have been large and continuous since 1890.

1890.....	\$ 23.81	1902.....	\$ 79.14
1891.....	25.23	1903.....	104.68
1892.....	28.65	1904.....	108.52
1893.....	26.08	1905.....	135.98
1894.....	36.78	1906.....	111.62
1895.....	50.97	1907.....	113.33
1896.....	45.63	1908.....	128.36
1897.....	63.18	1909.....	98.82
1898.....	75.78	1910.....	119.63
1899.....	62.68	1911.....	129.68
1900.....	77.57	1912.....	109.60
1901.....	74.76	1913.....	85.55
	<u>\$590.82</u>		<u>\$1,324.91</u>

Here we have a grand total from this society, from organization to date, of \$1,915.73.



OFFICERS W. F. M. S. 1914

President.....	Lenna Gill
Vice-President.....	Mrs. N. M. Spangler
Recording and Corresponding Sec.....	Mrs. J. E. Barnes
Treasurer.....	Mrs. F. A. Ehringer
Mite Box Superintendent.....	Mrs. Wm. Johnston



CHOIR 1914

Ina Spangler	Ethel Ehringer	Frank Combes	C. E. Spangler	J. W. Combes	C. S. Holman	Hazael Spangler
Mrs. C. S. Holman	Mrs. J. H. Moschel	Mrs. J. H. Moschel	Allie Combes	Edyth Mason	Mary Green	Mrs. A. J. Jolly
	H. E. Tweddale	A. B. Jolly	Mrs. F. Quiram	Mrs. R. E. Patterson	Maude Miller	
				J. E. Moschel		

SUGGESTIVE FACTS—SUMMARY OF FIFTY YEARS

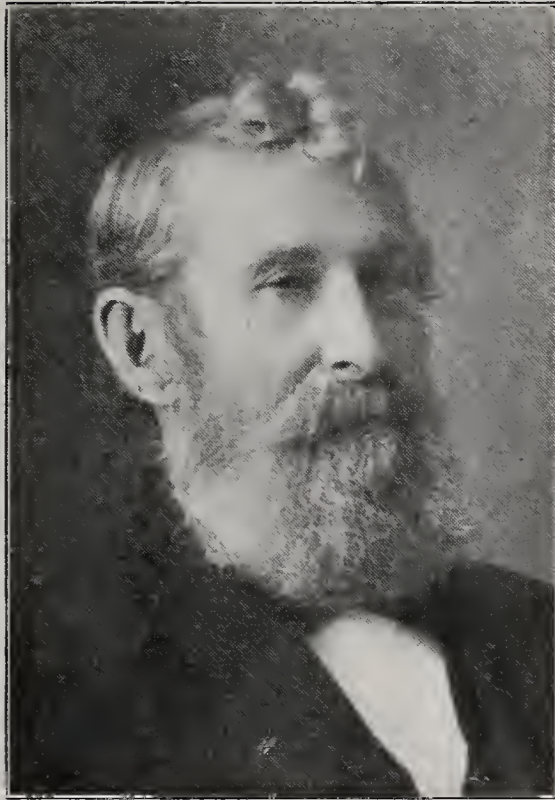
Given to Missions (Foreign).....	\$ 3,000.00
Largest sum (1874).....	180.00
Church Improvement from 1872.....	18,000.00
Largest sum expended (1906).....	6,500.00
Property Valuation, 1868.....	1,500.00
Property Valuation, 1914.....	15,500.00
Conversions in Sunday School.....	450
Largest number (1909).....	30
Probationers each year—Largest number (1856).....	60
Recorded Adult Baptisms.....	350
Largest number (1868).....	28
Recorded Children Baptized.....	115
Largest number (1909).....	24
Ministers appointed.....	32
Ministers deceased.....	12
Presiding Elders in charge.....	15
Presiding Elders deceased.....	10

Deceased Ministers.

B. P. Wheat	J. G. Blair
G. W. Burns	Jos. Hart
A. C. Price	G. L. Taylor
G. B. Snedaker	J. F. James
Benj. Applebee	V. B. Denning
N. W. Atkins	John Borland

Deceased Presiding Elders.

S. C. G. Worthington	F. M. Chaffee
John Luccock	J. D. Smith
Francis Smith	B. W. Baker
Richard Haney	Thomas Doney
J. W. Haney	Richard Crewes



OLDEST LIVING MEMBER
Jacob Hollenback, Born July 14, 1827



YOUNGEST CRADLE ROLL BABY
Sylvia H. Taylor, Born April 28, 1913

OUR HONORED DEAD.

Charles Boys.....	June	12, 1902
Aurelia Boys.....	May,	1913
Mildred Barnes.....	April,	1881
Lewis D. Blackmon.....	Aug.	27, 1894
Julia Bocock.....	May	26, 1904
Isaac Boys.....		1906
Amanda Blackmon.....	May	24, 1911
Elizabeth Baker.....	Feb.	7, 1911
Ellen J. Bell.....	March	27, 1911
Robert Barnes.....		1879
Susan Butler.....	April	13, 1910
Merinda Clemens.....	Feb.	26, 1859
John P. Clemens.....		
Meriah Cummings.....	Nov.	18, 1873
Daniel Chambers (in the army).....		
William Cotton.....	June	4, 1877
D. F. Clark.....		1886
Alfred Combes.....	Aug.	22, 1900
Betsy Combes.....	Jan.	11, 1902
Lydia Cochran.....	April	28, 1909
Daniel Davis.....	Nov.	21, 1858
Lydia DeBolt.....		1890
Marion Day.....	Aug.,	1891
Lillis Day.....	Feb.	4, 1885
Susan Eberhart.....		
Eben W. Eberhart.....		
Lydia Fisher.....	Feb.	9, 1888
Elmira Fraser.....	April	21, 1912
Elizabeth Feasel.....	Jan.	28, 1907
Wm. Gibbs (in the army).....		
Hannah Genoway.....		
Henry Gill.....	April	30, 1912
Minnie Boys Gill.....	May	8, 1910
James Hall.....		

Ovil A. Henthon.....	Oct.	15, 1864
Jane Hollenbach.....	Nov.,	1858
J. C. Houck.....	Jan.	25, 1897
Elizabeth Houck.....	Aug.	21, 1899
Margaret Hoover.....	Oct.	13, 1895
Margaret Hollenbach.....	Aug.	17, 1900
Henry W. Hull.....		
Joseph Holman.....	March	10, 1904
Emily Herrick.....	Nov.	16, 1909
Henry Hollenbach.....		1907
Edward Harris.....	Feb.	3, 1859
Jane Iliff.....		
Caroline Iliff.....	April	8, 1864
John Iliff.....		
Charles Iliff.....		
Robert Iliff.....	Dec.	7, 1904
Mrs. Ivins.....	Feb.	10, 1905
James Kirby.....	Feb.,	1882
J. W. Miller.....	Jan.,	1867
Rachael Miller.....		
Emma Moschel.....	Jan.	13, 1902
Robert McCulloch.....	Feb.	24, 1905
James G. McWhinney.....	Aug.	28, 1912
Rebecca McCulloch.....	March	8, 1896
Thomas Newport.....		
Nathan Preston.....		
David Perry.....	July	3, 1908
James Rea.....	Nov.	24, 1907
Elinor B. Rea.....		1900
Winnie Sangbush.....	Jan.	25, 1904
David Snyder.....	April	22, 1895
Maybel Schultz.....		1902
Oscar Shugart.....	April,	1905
David Riffey.....	Dec.	17, 1896
Ruth Riffey.....	July	29, 1893
Harold A. Joseph.....	Aug.	25, 1899
LaFayette Ingle.....	Sept.	12, 1913
Henry Schafer.....	March	12, 1908

Wm. Thompson.....	Aug.	11, 1864
George F. Taylor.....	Aug.	30, 1902
Mary Weaver.....	Aug.,	1865
Mary Watt.....	April	28, 1865
Thomas G. Wells.....	Dec.	3, 1907
Jesse R. Weaver.....	Dec.	23, 1904
Nicholas Watt.....	July	13, 1912
Sophia Wineteer.....	March	9, 1907
Lewis Younger.....	March	16, 1904
Ellen Younger.....	Jan.	3, 1908
Phoebe Younger.....	Nov.	29, 1910

OUR LOCAL PREACHERS.

James D. Barnes

R. A. Cowen (received into Trav. Con. 1859)

W. A. Cummings (received into Trav. Con.)

Sam P. Ogle—Local Deacon

A. Kerrick—Local Deacon

Nimrod Kerrick—Local Elder

Jeter Foster

Wesley Akers

“BETHEL” CHURCH OF LOWPOINT.

The transaction which gave to Methodism the property above named occurred in 1851. The deed transfers a certain lot of land from Conrad H. Tool and wife “to the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and their assigns forever.” Isaac Boys was one of the original trustees.

In the summer of that year the church was built. This old meeting house for a long time previous to its connection with Washburn, was used by the Methodists in their work of salvation. There is no record extant which will give the data of these first years, so full of hope and promise.

However, we know that the “Circuit Riders” visited in regular order, month by month, and were entertained in the homes of the Fosters and the Clarks. There were two local preachers living in the vicinity, Jeter Foster, the grandfather of Brother Henry Foster, and Wesley Akers, both of whom did good service among the neighborhood folk.

In 1875 Lowpoint became an out-appointment of Washburn, and together they make “Washburn charge.”

Several good revivals have been held since 1875, and many accessions to the church are reported.

November 19, 1911, the Lowpoint Local Union Church came into being. A weekly service is held

by the pastor of Washburn church, but purely as a UNION service. This plan was rendered imperative by the varied denominations represented in the village. The Sunday School has been for many years superintended by Mrs. R. E. Hood. Though not a member of the church, Mr. Clark has been active in the official life of the society many years. At 73 years of age, he was the oldest resident friend of the church. He was killed by a train April 20, 1914.



G. M. CLARK
1841-1914.



"BETHEL" CHURCH 1851.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Trustees at Washburn.

F. A. Ehringer	J. R. Tweddale
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J. W. Combes	Thomas Kerrick
F. B. Ireland	Hughes Pritchard
George Moschel	

Trustees at Lowpoint

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A. L. Banta	Thomas Drennen
Eilert Fries	Nathan Owen

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Superintendent of Sunday School.....	John E. Moschel
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President of W. F. M. S.....	Lenna Gill
Church Treasurer.....	C. E. Spangler

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